



Michigan Chapter SLA Board Meeting
Hockey Town Cafe, Detroit, MI
December 6, 2005

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by President Charlene Stachnik. Also in attendance were Christopher Bloodworth, Joel Scheuher, Joan Martin, Laura Mancini, Alicia Biggers, Karen Bacsanyi, Sue Pritts, Marie Fraties-Block, Kathy Irwin, Melissa Behrens, Laura Nielsen and Tory Cariappa.

2. **Approve April minutes:** Secretary Joan Martin presented three sets of minutes for approval:

a) Results of Executive Board Motions, April 25, 2005; Online Motions and Voting Results. Kathy Irwin moved to approve the minutes. Joel Scheuher seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without discussion.

b) Board Meeting (amended) August 10, 2005, Bryant Information Group, Canton, MI. Sue Pritts moved to approve the minutes. Joel Scheuher seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without discussion.

c) Executive Board Meeting, October 7, 2005; Teleconference. Laura Mancini moved to approve the minutes. Joel Scheuher seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without discussion.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Laura Mancini reported that the Chapter's ending balance was \$11,479.45. She also distributed an overview of revenue/expense/net profit for recent chapter meetings and the Chapter's 2004-2005 budget. Laura's sister (an accountant) will review and audit the Chapter's financial records, for no charge, as done last year.

4) **Resignation Letter of President Elect**

President Elect Christopher Bloodworth's letter of resignation was officially received by President Charlene Stachnik.

5) **Open President Elect Position**

President Charlene Stachnik read the list of individuals she had contacted to possibly fill the President Elect position. All had declined. She also contacted SLA headquarters to determine if a co-presidency would be acceptable. Final word on that has not yet been received. There was much discussion on the qualifications and duties of the President Elect position and possible courses of action to pursue. The following action steps by Charlene were proposed:

- Announce the opening to Chapter members present at the December Chapter meeting.
- Post a message to the Chapter list serv asking for volunteers by 12/21/05.
- Clarify with SLA headquarters if we can have an election in the Fall (rather than at the annual business meeting in the Spring).
- Contact Leslie Burke to see what the other Michigan Chapter has done in a similar situation.

In addition, Director Alicia Biggers will contact Candace Goss to see if she has viable candidates left over from the last report of the Nominating Committee.

6) U of M Scholarship Winner

Tracey S. Hughes has been awarded the U of M scholarship. Sue Pritts will contact her for a biography that can be used for a newsletter article, along with material from the acceptance letter Tracey sent to the Chapter.

7) Review of Membership Committees

The Fall 2005 Chapter Bulletin listed all Board members. All Committee chair positions are filled. The only open position is for President Elect. Charlene will confirm with Candace Goss that she is serving as Nominating Chair.

8) Discounted Meeting Rate for Unemployed Members

There was much discussion on the pros/cons of offering a discounted rate for unemployed members to attend Chapter meetings. Major reasons for not offering a discounted rate were the logistics of keeping track and avoiding abuse; the growth in the number of unemployed members; the need to keep the Chapter fiscally sound; and the new tiered dues structure created by SLA based on salary. The Chapter will make every effort to keep meeting costs down so they are affordable. Some Chapter members routinely sponsor students/guests/other members who would not otherwise be able to attend. This informal stewardship will continue. President Charlene Stachnik moved to retain current pricing to our members. The motion was seconded by Joel Scheuher. In a verbal vote, all were in favor with one opposing vote.

9) Leadership Summit

President Charlene Stachnik announced that the Chapter needs to send a second person to the Leadership Summit in Houston. Laura Mancini may be able to attend. Joel Scheuher reminded us that SLA needs to be notified who our voting member will be.

10) Update on Chapter Programming

Due to the open President Elect position, Board members have been asked to help organize future meetings for this year.

- Joel Scheuher proposed a financial speaker addressing the new tax laws. Laura Mancini suggested that we combine this with a speaker from her library system, discussing the means of doing tax law research.

- Alicia Biggers has identified a speaker who could offer a presentation on “Discovering Your Strengths”. She also has a contact at J.D. Power who could speak on their market research techniques.

11) SLA Recognition Awards

President Charlene Stachnik asked for nominations for the recently-announced SLA recognition awards. She had previously distributed information in an email to Board members.

12) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Submitted, December 13, 2005

Joan Martin, Secretary Michigan Chapter SLA